

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1/2 Level; Reopening)
1level about 7-17 HCP, suit quality important, good 4card suit poss.;
a weak 2 with few playing tricks bids 1M, not 2M.
2level about 11-18 HCP, suit quality important, 2♣ over (1♦) can be light
Many TRF in advance [5], 1level w/o intervention NAT F, simple raise is CONSTR (10-12), 2NT after 1M INV+ with fit
1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2 nd /4 th Live: 15-18, BAL, stopper
Reopening: 10-14, BAL, stopper
As over 1NT OPEN (TRF to OPPT M is 5oM INV)
GUCI-ohl after intervention [6]
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
WK, 6 cards, some playing tricks
Reopen: 13-15
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
(1m) – 2m: both M; (1M) – 2M: 55 other M+m;
(1x) – 2NT: 55 lowest unbid; (1m) - 3♣: pre
weak hands should have some playing tricks; medium hands can bid one suit 1 st , perhaps later the 2 nd ; good hands make a 2 nd move
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
x: ♣+M or ♦ or strong onesuiter M
2♣: both M
2♦: ♦+M
2M: 6+
2NT: ♣ or strong with both M; 3♣: ♣+♥; 3♦=♦+♠; 3♥=♥+♦
3♠=♠+♣, all strong (=playing tricks)
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
x=t/o
Multi against Multi [7]
3-level cue asks stopper, leaping michaels
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
x=12-15 bal.; 1♦/♥/♠/NT = TRF; 2♣ = both M; 2♦ = 1M WK or strong; 2M = 4M+5M 11-15; 2NT = both m; pass maybe 16+
vs. 2♣ (strong): x=both M, NT=both m
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
TRF on 1-level, except 1♣/♥ - (x) – xx = 10+

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	1 st /3 rd /5 th /7 th	not raised: high=E, low=O	
NT	2 nd /4 th /6 th	raised: high=O, low=E	
Subseq	2 nd /4 th , ATT	2 nd /4 th , ATT	
Other: 10 or 9 usually 0 or 2 higher trick 1; top or from H10x later			
K vs. NT shows good suit			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AKx(..) , Ax	asks ATT	
King	AK, AK(..) count, KQx	very good holding	
Queen	QJ(..), Qx	QJx, KQ(..) asks ATT	
Jack	J10x, Jx	J10x, Jx	
10	10x, 109x, HJ10(x)	10x, 109x, HJ10(x)	
9	9x, 9xx, H109(x)	H109x, H9x, H98x	
Hi-X	Xx, Xxx, HxXx	HXx, xXxx	
Lo-X	xxX, HxX, HxxxX	HxxX, HxxXx, HxxxxX	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	attitude	Count or SP	2,3,4 = low suit
Suit 2	count	if count low = E	5,6,7, = this suit
3	SP		8,9,10 = high suit
1	count	Count or SP	or showing length if
NT 2	attitude (H=enc on		necessary
3	A or Q, L=enc else)		
Signals (including Trumps):			
SMITH or S/P-SIGNAL (middle/low=enc), THREE-WAY-SIGNAL			
If not forced to play an H, 3 rd hand gives special count Vs. NT [8]			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
emphasise M, m unclear; maybe lighter with perfect shape or passed partner			
(1m)–x–(p): 2m=both M WK or any strong; 3m=both M INV			
GUCI-ohl (give up clubs invitational) after (2M)-x; (1M)-x-(2M) [6]			
RESP DOUBLE (tends to show 4card oM on 2level, deny on 3level)			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
1♣/♦/♥-(1y)-x=TRF [5]			
SUPP below 2 of our M, not mandatory; MAX if we have M-fit			
1y-(2z)-x: t/o or any FG (without good fit)			
the 1 st 2 doubles are always for t/o (xx counts as 1 double), rare exceptions			
where x is penalty			
x of OPPT CUE of our 5card-suit denies H/asks for other lead			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: red
NCBO: Germany
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SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
5-card M (semi-F 1NT), unBAL 1♦ 5+, not (5332)
(FG 1NT, NF 2♣), 1♣ 1+ (only if 4441), 3352 possible, with possibly light TRF-advances
Many TRF in CONST and COMP bidding
2 over 1 response ART after all openings (strong (R) or TRF or special Fit-bids or special distribution)
1NT Opening: 14-16 NV 1 st /2 nd , 15-17 else
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
2♣: 54+M WK or BAL 24-26/29+ or any near FG-hand
2♦ (R) (maybe INV), 2NT m or mm or INV 4M, 3♣ FG
MULTI 2♦: WK 2 (6 cards) or 8.5 tricks M; BAL 22-23 or 27-28
2NT FG; 3♣ INV both M; 2/3M p/c; 3NT/4m forces TRF/M
2M: 10-13, 6 or 7 cards, 0-3 cards in other M, 0-4 in m
4NT: both m, should be 65 at least (1 st /2 nd)
1♣ - 1♦=4+♥ [1]; 1♥=4+♠; 1♠=no MAJ; 1NT=FG
1♣ -2♣=5+♦ FG 1♣ -2♦/♥=6♥/♠ FG
1♣ - 2♠=6+♣, WK or FG with 4card sidesuit
1♦ -1NT=FG; 1♦ -2♣=NF; 1♦ -2M=good ♦ -raise
1♥/♠ -2♦/♥=TRF-raise with 4-7 or FG; 2M=8-10 3cards
1♠ -2♦=TRF ♥ (5+ GF); special raises from 2♥ - 4♥
TRF after 1y-(x/lz) and after (1y)-1z-(p/x/1s) [5]
SEE [D1] for MORE SPECIAL BIDS
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
1x-(any): may be penalty, opener may pass with length
we bid VUL game and OPPT obviously sacrifice
(1♣) –p may be 16+ if 1♣ is forcing
IMPORTANT NOTES
4M tends to be natural if previous bidding suggested it might be a playable spot (e.g. Partner showed length before)
PSYCHICS: 3rd hand opener might vary in length or strength

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG:DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		1	4♥	11-14 BAL or 17-19 BAL maybe 3352 11-22, any (1444) or 5+♣	1♣=4+♥; 1♥=4+♠ (poss very WK[1]); 1♠=no M 1NT=FG BAL; 2♣=5+m FG; 2♦/♥=6♥/♠ FG 2♠=6+♣, WK or FG; 2NT=55m, WK or FG; 3m=INV; 3♥=55M,INV; 3♠/NT=22(54) wo/w M	1♣-1♦/♥:1♥/♠=11-14, 2-3; 1NT=17-19 2♦=3way, 2♥/♠= limit max; 2NT=16-17 4M or 6♣3M; 3♦=spl inv+	x or 1-level-O/C: TRF [5] 2-level-O/C: new suit NF
1♦		5	4♥	11-22, 5+♦, not (5332)	1NT=FG; 2♣=NF; 2♥=3♦ 10-12; 2♠=4♦ 6-9 2NT=INV(5+♣, 2-♦)3♦=0-5; 3♥=55M,INV; 3♠=spl [2]	1♦-1♥: 1♠=4+♣; 1NT=4♠; 2♣=3♥; 2NT=18-20, no 3♥; 1♦-1♠: 1NT=4+♣; 2♠=4♥; 2♥=3♠;	2♦=9-11; 2M=FSJ x or 1-level-overcall: TRF [5] 2-level-OC: new suit NF After pass: 1NT=5♣; 2♣=3♦ 6-8;
1♥		5	4♦	11-21	1NT=6-12; 2♣=FG, 5+m or BAL; 2♦=3♥ 4-7 or FG; 2♥=3♥ 8-10; 2♠=any spl 5-8; 2NT=3+♥ INV; 3♣=4♥ 6-9; 3♦=any spl 9-12; 3♥=0-4; 3♠=any void 12+ 3NT/4m=TRF-single 12+	TRF-GAZZILLI after 1♠ and 1NT [3]; SST after TRF-raise or simple raise	x or 1-level-overcall: TRF [5] 2-level-OC: new suit NF passed hand: 2♦=3♥ 9-11; 2♥=3♥ 5-8
1♠		5	4♦	11-21	same; 2♦=5+♥ FG;	TRF-GAZZILLI after 1NT [3]; SST after TRF-raise or simple raise	same as 1♥
INT			3♠	14-16 NV 1 st and 2 nd , 15-17 5M, 6m, (5422), 4441 possible	2♦=4♥ INV or 5♥; 2♥ TRF; 2♠=♣ or both m; 3♣ TRF; 3♦ PUP; 3M=4oM; 4♣ 65M; 4♦/♥ TRF	2 nd round TRF after stayman or M-TRF [4] 2♣-2nt: 44M min; 3♣ 44M max	GUCI-ohl [6]; after (x):xx=any 5; 2♣/♦/♥=this and next; 2♠=♠
2♣	X	0		5+4+ M WK or 24-26 BAL or 29+ BAL or any near FG	2♦ asks longer M, possible INV; 2NT 1 or both m WK or FG or 4M INV; 3♣ FG (R)	3♣: TRF longer M, 3♠ 55 min; 3NT 55 max; 4m 55 max void	
2♦	X	0	2♠	6M 5-10 or 8.5 tricks M or 22-23 BAL or 27-28 BAL	2/3M;p/c; 2NT FG; 3♣ INV M; 3♦ PUPPET M; 3NT p/c, 4♣ TRF your M; 4♦ call your M (no SI)	2NT: 3♣=W♥; 3♦=W♠; 3M=4M6aM WK 3♣: 3/4♦=W♥ min/max; 3/4♥=W♠ min/max	(x): xx for M; 2M/3m NAT (2M): x=p/c; (3m):3M=p/c
2♥		6		6+♥, no 4♠ 1 st /2 nd , 10-13	2NT F1; 3m nat F1 or feature with fit, INV 3♥ inv; 3♠ any void; 4m single	2NT: in steps min; max bal; any void, low/ middle/high single	same
2♠		6		6+♠, no 4♥ 1 st /2 nd , 10-13	2NT F1; 3m nat F1 or feature with fit, INV 3♠ inv; 4 new suit splinter	same as 2♥	same
2NT			3♠	20-21 BAL	ROMEX ; 3♠ both m; 4-level 2-under TRF-RKCB		
3♣		6		preempt	new suit F1; 4♣ pre; 4♦ SI ♣		
3♦		6		preempt	new suit F1; 4♦ pre; 4♣ SI ♦		
3♥		6		preempt	4♣ SI good support; 4♦ SI bad support		
3♠		6		preempt	4♣ SI good support; 4♦ SI bad support		
3NT	X			Gambling 1 st and 2 nd	4♣ p/c; 4♦ SI	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
4♣		7		preempt		splinter; mixed cue-bids; RKCB 1430; conditional MINORWOOD;	
4♦		7		preempt		4♠ KICKBACK ♥; EXCLUSION RKCB;	
4♥		6		preempt		RKCB – (x): xx=0/3; pass=1/4	
4♠		6		preempt		RKCB – (bid): x=penalty; pass=1/4	
4NT	X			6+5+m			
5♣		7		preempt			
5♦		7		preempt			

Supplementary Notes

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Note [1]: Continuations after 1♣ - TRF M

Continuation after 1♣ - 1♦/♥

- 1♥/♠ 11-14 BAL or 11-12 UNBAL, 2 or 3 ♥/♠
- 2♦ 11-13, 4 ♥/♠, would not accept invite or 4441 15+ or normal revers
- 2♥/♠ 12-15, 4 ♥/♠, would accept an invitation
- 2♠/♥ normal revers or semiforcing ♣ w/o 3 ♥/♠
- 2NT 16-17 UNBAL, 4 ♥/♠ or semiforcing ♣ with 3 ♥/♠
- 3♦ splinter, inv+, 4 ♥/♠

Continuation after 1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥

- 1♠ 4♠, NF
- 1nt to play
- 2♣ signoff m or some INV (Opener must bid 2♦)
- 2♦ TRF, 5+♥ (signoff oder some INV or FG)
- 2♥ TRF, 44 M, INV+
- 2♠ Canape-TRF (4♥, 5+♣), INV+
- 2nt BAL INV
- 3♣ Canape-TRF (4♥, 5+♦), INV+
- 3♦ 4441, 4414; FG
- 3♥ TRF 3NT
- 3♠ 1444, FG
- 3nt to play

same principles apply after 1♣ - 1♥ - 1♠

Note [2]: Continuations after 1♦

Continuation after 1♦ - 1M

OPENER transfers in his (2nd) suit

1♠/NT 4⁺♣

1NT 4♠ (after 1♥)

2♣ 3/4♥

2♦ 6+♦, no 3M, 11-14

2♥ 3♠ (after 1♠)

2NT 6+♦, no 3M, 18-20

Continuation after 1♦ - 1NT (FG)

OPENER transfers in his suit

2♣ 6+♦ (no 2nd suit)

2♦ 4♥

2♥ 4♠

2♠ 4♣

2nt 5♣

3♣ 4450

3♦ 2272, 11-13

3♥ 4054

3♠ 0454

3nt 2272, 18-19

Note [3]: TRF-GAZZILLI after 1M - 1NT and 1♥ - 1♠

OPENER's Rebid of 2♣ shows 4♣ or ♦ or 15-16 BAL. It could be 5332 with good 13-14, with less OPENER can pass 1NT.

RESP bids 2♦, if he is good enough to force to game opposite 17, natural signoff or show both m else.

OPENER's jumps to 3-Level are 14-16 with 55 or 6+ with 15-17 and good suit

Other 2-Level-Bids are TRF

1♥ - 1♠/NT

2♣ 11-21 4⁺♣ or 16+ 4+♦ or 15-16 BAL (or 19 BAL 3♠)
2♦ 6+♥ F1
2♥ 4♦, 11-15
2♠ raise/revers
2nt 17-18 BAL

1♠ - 1NT

2♣ 11-21 4⁺♣ or 4+♦ or 15-16 BAL or 19 BAL 3♥
2♦ 4+♥ WK or FG
2♥ 6+♠ F1
2♠ 4♥ INV
2nt 17-18 BAL
3nt 19, 5233

Note [4]: 2nd TRF after 1NT – stayman or 1NT- TRF M

RESP's M-TRF is never 5332 INV, with those hands he bids stayman.

Stayman can be weak with both M or 1M and longer m

After 1NT - 2♣ - 2♦

- 2♥ 44M, WK
- 2♠ TRF ♣ (can be WK, can be 4cards in a 3-suiter)
- 2nt INV (5M possible)
- 3♣ TRF ♦ (can be weak, can be 4 cards with 4441 only)
- 3♦ 5♥, 4♠, FG
- 3♥ 4♥, 5♠, FG
- 3♠ 55 M

After 1NT - 2♣ - 2♥

- 2♠ TRF ♣ (can be WK, can be 4 cards in a 3-suiter)
- 2nt INV (5♠ possible)
- 3♣ TRF ♦ (can be weak, can be 4 cards in a 3-suiter)
- 3♦ 4+♥, FG (3433 or BAL SI)
- 3♥ 4♥, INV
- 3♠ splinter

After 1NT - 2♣ - 2♠

- 2nt TRF ♣ (can be WK, always 4♥)
- 3♣ TRF ♦ (can be weak, can be 4 cards in a 3-suiter)
- 3♦ 1444, SI
- 3♥ 4+♠, FG (3433 or BAL SI)
- 3♠ INV

After 1NT - 2♦ - 2♥

- 2♠ 4♥, INV or 5+♥, 4♦ INV+
- 2nt 5+♥, 4+♣ INV+
- 3♣ 5+♥, 5+♦ INV+
- 3♦ 6+♥, INV or SI
- 3♥ 5♥, 4♠ INV

3♠ splinter, not much SI
4m splinter, not much SI

After 1NT - 2♥ - 2♠

2nt 5+♠, 4+♣ INV+
3♣ 5+♠, 4+♦ INV+
3♦ 5+♥, 5+♠ SI
3♥ 4♥, 5♠ INV
3♠ 6+♠ INV

Note [5]: TRF in Competition

Transfers in Competition apply, if

- We open 1-level, OPPT x or bid suit on 1-level
- OPPT open 1-level, we bid suit on 1-level, OPPT pass/x/suit on 1-level
- We open 1m and OPPT bid 1NT (natural or polish)

xx 10+ after 1♣/1♥, TRF else

1♠ BAL or ♣ (we can't bid ♠ if OPPT x 1♥)

1nt to play after 1m, both m after 1M

2-level is TRF, WK or FG

TRF OPPT's suit is balanced FG w/o 4M

2NT is natural after 1♣ - (1♦), WK or FG with m else (after 1m)

2NT is FG with fit after 1M, INV+ after (1x) - 1M

3level below OPPT's suit: 6+, INV

3level OPPT's suit or higher: TRF, 6+, INV

3♠ (3♥ after 1♠) asks for stopper with solid minor

2-level TRF to m, then bidding partner's M is WK raise with lead direct

1m - (1♠) - x shows 4♥ (or 5♥ in a bad hand)

After 1m - (1NT BAL)

2♣ t/o both M

2♦ 5+♥

2♥ 5+♠

2♠ 6+♣

2nt both m or strong 2-suiter

3-level TRF-preempt

After 1m – (1NT polish)

- 2♣ to play/TRF ♦, WK or FG
- 2♦ 5+♥
- 2♥ 5+♠
- 2♠ 6+♣, WK or FG / 4+♦ INV
- 2nt preempt in partner's m
- 3-level TRF-INV (no TRF for OPPT's m)

No TRF if OPPT bid on 2-level, but

- x NEG or any FG
- 2suit NF
- 2NT INV after 1m, INV+ with fit after 1M
- 3suit INV
- 3♠ shows Stopper and 2 cards in partner's M, asks him to bid 3NT (3♥ after 1♠)

Note [6]: GUCI-ohl

GUCI-ohl means “Give Up Clubs Invitational”

It applies after

- We open 1NT, OPPT overcalls 2-level
- OPPT open 2-level (WK 2), partner x
- OPPT open 1M, partner x, OPPT raises

2NT t/o m or WK 1-suiter below OPPT's suit

3♣ signoff

TRF OPPT's suit = stayman

3♦ TRF ♥ INV+, ♦ INV if ♥ not possible

3♥ TRF ♠ INV+

3♠ asks stopper

Note [7]: Multi against Multi

OPPT opens 2♦ Multi:

x	a) 5+M, 12+ b) 19-21 or 25+ BAL c) 3-suiter 19+
2♥	15-18 BAL
2♠	6+♣, 13+
2nt	6+♦, 13+
3m	6+m, 8-12
3M	NF Michaels (5M +5m)
3NT	22-24 BAL
4m	F1 Michaels (5m + 5M)

After (2♦) –x:

pass	4+♦, may be WK, not fit both M
2M	p/c
2NT	19-21
3♣	3-suiter w 4♣
3♦	3-suiter short ♣
2NT	INV+
3♣	19-21 BAL (3♦ now stayman, 3M 5+)
3♦	TRF ♥
3♥	TRF ♠
3NT+	TRF short suit w 3-suiter
3suit	NAT, F

After (2♦) – 2♥:

pass	4+♥
2♠	4+♠
2NT	GUCI-ohl (see Note [8])
3♣	ROMEX-stayman
3♦/♥	TRF INV+
3♠	6+♣, WK

3NT to play, doesn't promise Stopper

After (2♦) – 2♠/2NT:

3m-1 WK or FG

3m INV

3♦/♥ TRF INV+

3♠ stopper, no ♥-stopper

3nt ♥-stopper, no ♠-stopper

Note [8]: Signals against NT

Partner leads J or small card and no need/possibility to play an H:

Small from 2 or 5 cards

High from 3 small cards

2nd from Hxx

3rd from Hxxx or xxxx

Partner leads A or Q:

Small card discouraging, high card encouraging

Partner leads K:

Unblock or count (small = even, high = odd)

DEFENCES TO ENEMY CONVENTIONS

Note [D1]: 2♣/♦/♥ showing WK both M

x 15-18 BAL

2♦ 6+♦, 11-14

2♥ 6+♣, 15+

2♠ 6+♦, 15+

2nt t/o both m

3m 6+m, 11-14

After (2x) – 2♥/♠:

3m-1 WK or FG

3m INV